

**STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BOARD HEARING SESSION – DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
AUGUST 4, 2021**

ITEM 9

SUBJECT

PROPOSED STATEWIDE CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER GENERAL PERMIT
REISSUANCE

DISCUSSION

The federal Clean Water Act requires discharges of construction stormwater to waters of the United States to be regulated by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. The State Water Board adopted the existing statewide NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit in 2009 to regulate stormwater discharges associated with construction activities disturbing one or more acres. The existing General Permit expired on September 2, 2014 and is administratively extended until the effective date of a reissued permit.

State Water Board staff has developed a proposed General Permit reissuance incorporating:

- New requirements to implement existing Total Maximum Daily Loads;
- New regulation of passive treatment technology uses and discharges from dewatering activities;
- New criteria for Notices of Non-Applicability;
- Increased efficiency to the existing Notice of Termination process;
- New requirements to implement the California Ocean Plan and the Water Quality Control Plan for Inland Surface Waters, Enclosed Bays, and Estuaries, including the statewide Trash Provisions;
- Updated requirements for demolition activities;
- Updated water quality sampling requirements per the federal Sufficiently Sensitive Test Methods Rule; and
- Updated monitoring and reporting requirements.

POLICY ISSUE

This is a public hearing to receive oral public comments. The State Water Board will consider adoption of the proposed permit during a subsequently scheduled and separately noticed Board meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

No additional fiscal impact to currently budgeted program resources.

REGIONAL BOARD IMPACT

The State Water Board will not take action at this public hearing; therefore, there is no Regional Board impact at this time.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The State Water Board will not take action at this public hearing; therefore, there is no staff recommendation at this time.